Modernisation of Hindustan Cables Ltd.

*596. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for expansion and modernisation of the Hindustan Cables Ltd. at Rupnarainpur in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and(b). Modernisation of Rupnarainpur Unit of Hindustan Cables by way of conversion of existing capacities of Dry Core Cables and Coaxial Cables to manufacture 22 Lakh Conductor Kilometers of Jelly Filled Cables annually is under execution. The cost of these projects is Rs. 81.72 crores. Another project costing Rs. 14.18 crores for manufacture of 2,90,000 nos. of jointing kits per annum is also under execution.

(c) Does not arise in view of the above.

Weightage of Confidential Reports

*597. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Confidential Reports of the Government servants carry any weightage in arriving at a final decision in disciplinary and vigilance cases pending against them or such reports are meant only for career prospects;

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal to give due consideration to these reports in arriving at a decision in such cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. Confidential Reports are meant only for career prospects.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Optical Glasses

*598. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether optical glasses are manufactures in India bath for domestic use and for export;

(b) the quantity manufactured for domestic use and for export purposes separately during each of the last three years; and

(c) the firms which are manufacturing these types of glasses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Optical Glasses are being manufactured by M/s. Bharat Opthalmic Glass Limited which is a Public Sector Undertaking. Indigenous production is for domestic use. Quantity manufactured during the last 3 years is as follows:—

Year	*Optical Glasses*
1988-89	12.51 M.T.
1989-90	22.27 M.T.
1990-91	15.12 M.T.